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War not only is hell, but it draws no color line.

Note that nothing more is heard of the danger of a car famine.

Optimism and opportunity make a fine alternative combination.

Those folks over in Paris must be looking for something they hope they won't get.

If the Germans take even the art galleries they will no doubt take the Brussels carpets also.

Let us all breathe easier—no Nebraska names on the suffragist women's congressional blacklist.

Unless they hurry the frosts of winter will add their withering blight to the "flower of the European armies."

Virginia may be the home of presidents, but Texas has them all skinned when it comes to cradling cabinet officers.

The navies are fairly busy, but really, as compared with the armies, they are not keeping up their end of the game.

Entente cordiales seem to be things of the past in Europe, when even the opposing censors refuse to pass each other's copy.

While the theater of war has the run, other varieties of theaters will have to have some special attraction to command attention.

Perhaps one thing that made Wagner's music so heavenly was the fact that he had a "good angel" in young King Ludwig of Bavaria.

The American who persists in remaining in the war zone after warning to get out, will not be entitled to much sympathy if trouble overtakes him.

And yet we must remember that Frederick the Great, the great-great-granduncle of the ruling kaiser, fought a successful war against six nations.

Prince William of Wied is now xmpret of Albania—Springfield Republican.

But surely they will not blame that on our George Fred Williams.

What is needed at the city hall is one of these new-fangled efficiency engineers—San Francisco Chronicle.

No, the Chronicle is referring to its own city hall, yet there are others.

Railroads in 2-cent fare states will make a great mistake if they undertake to boost passenger rates, as it is hinted they will do. The railroads ought by this time to have learned enough to know when to let well enough alone.

In the list of congressmen marked for re-election slaughter by the votes-for-women advocates is Underwood of Alabama. Our good women friends seem to have forgotten that Mr. Underwood will not stand for re-election, having been already chosen to represent Alabama in the United States senate for six years, beginning next March.

The finest organ in Nebraska has just been set up in the English Lutheran church at Sixteenth and Harney at a cost of \$2,000. It was a donation to the church by Kountze Bros. The organ is sixteen feet wide, nineteen feet high and contains 1,044 pipes.

N. Merriam will thankfully receive any information regarding a thoroughbred Jersey cow with leather strap around her neck, which strayed from his premises on Twenty-third and Burt streets.

Miss Jennie E. Talbot has gone to visit for a week with friends at Sidney and Hawthorne, Ia.

The plasterer's picnic at Hascall's park was livelier than expected, being overrun by a gang of toughs. Officer Mestyn was hit over the left eye and Captain Donahue had to use his club to protect himself.

D. O. McEwan, 511 Fairview street, pays for advertising space to let it be known that "the man who was seen to pick up a sky terrier pup in front of the grocery store at the head of St. Mary's avenue, will be arrested unless he returns the same to me immediately."

T. O. Melum's restaurant, 183 Sixteenth street, wants a girl for kitchen work, also one girl, if 15 years of age, to take care of baby.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Mills, Seventeenth and Castellan are receiving sympathy over the loss of their young son.

Competitive Armaments.

Whatever may have been the immediate cause of the war conflagration in Europe, unquestionably back of it all are the competitive armaments of the rival nations, each bent upon building and maintaining a military machine bigger and more destructive than his neighbor's.

But nations are only aggregations of individuals. Suppose the individual man in a competitive race to load himself down with guns, pistols and bombs, and to make his dwelling place armor proof! Suppose every time his neighbor bought a new rifle he endeavored to go him one better, and every time his neighbor put up a wall, he sought to raise his still higher!

As peace-makers competitive armaments have failed of their purpose. They are breaking and crumbling. Some new and better way of keeping the peace of nations will have to be substituted.

Why Shove it on the Women?

Our Omaha school board needs a re-creation, and the time to do it is at the coming election when eight of the twelve memberships are to be filled by the voters. The board has a number of good men in it, but as a whole the standard of ability and efficiency is too low.

It is suggested that the job of re-casting the school board belongs to the women. We ask, Why shove it off on the women when it belongs at least as much to the men. True, women possessing prescribed qualifications may vote at school board elections, but we all know they have not voted in the past.

England and Germany.

One of the pathetic features of this war is the rupture of the ties of relationship between England and Germany. True, the impression had long prevailed, and not without apparent cause, that each was jealous of the other's aggression.

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The newcomers stayed, cleared their forests, built their homes and laid the foundations of the modern state. From the Saxons the Britons derived their chief elements of character and temperament more than from any of the other German tribes.

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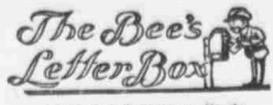
Americans are reluctant to take sides in this grievous alignment of kinsmen, but they may be pardoned if they pause to remark upon this, one of the most pathetic of all "he melancholy features of the war—this deadly antagonism between cousins on the opposite shores of the North Sea.

Separate and Distinct.

The demand for a short ballot relates as much to the election as it does to the primary. Let no one confuse the short ballot movement with the disposition manifest in many quarters to do away with the primary altogether.

In the recent primary election in Omaha large numbers of democrats changed their party registration to vote for candidates for nomination on the republican ticket while out in the rural districts large numbers of republicans voted the democratic ballot to help out particular democratic friends.

It is recorded that in Rome, under the Caesars, two soothsayers could not meet on the street without laughing in one another's face. It must be equally impossible for a candidate in the late primary to read the sworn expense statement of his competitor and keep a straight countenance.



Brief contributions on timely topics invited. The Bee assumes no responsibility for opinions of correspondents. All letters subject to condensation by editor.

American Women's War Relief Fund

LONDON, Aug. 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: Our faith in the ties that unite our country to Great Britain render us confident that Americans will respond to our appeal to alleviate the terrible suffering caused by the war.

We American women are equipping a hospital in connection with the Red Cross society and if funds permit, an ambulance ship.

In the name of our common ancestry, in the name of humanity, please send us as much as you can.

Donations will be received by Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., Wall street, New York, marked "American Women's War Relief Fund," or may be sent directly to the honorary treasurer, Walter Burne, 56 Grosvenor street, London, England.

MINNIE PAGEET, CONSELLO MARLBOROUGH, ALICE LORWERT, MARY HARCOET, JENNIE RANDOLPH CHURCHILL, AVA ASTOR.

Down with the Long Ballot.

OMAHA, Aug. 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: You are absolutely right on the long ballot. It is an unmitigated nuisance and largely defeats the purpose for which it was designed.

It often compels one to vote for an inferior candidate or not vote at all. It is a positive interference with the right of suffrage. It makes candidacy too cheap and arouses the aspirations of too many incompetents for office.

The primary law practically disfranchises the independent voter and ought to be declared unconstitutional. Independent voters select the best men in all parties when they can, but they can't do this in primary elections.

What it Costs to Kill a Man in Battle.

(General Percin, in La Science et la Vie.) "I read in an American newspaper that to kill a man in modern warfare costs in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

"In 1871-72 France spent about 2,000,000,000 francs in the actual warfare and 1,000,000,000 more in restoring its own property and in payments for injuries caused to others, which it is perfectly fair to include in the costs.

"I rather expected when I undertook this calculation to find that the costs were increasing. On the one side the engines of war cost more as they are perfected. On the other hand, progress in the art of defense.

"That which kills and reduces efficiency in war is not the cannon or the rifle, but fatigue, cholera, and typhoid. In 1870 there were registered in the hospitals no less than 200,000 Germans, who, although they survived, were inactive for some time.

"I have not the time to do this, but I am sure that the cost of a man killed is not higher in 1905 than in 1870.

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Topics of the War

The Great Paradox.

The huge war now raging in Europe is the inevitable outcome of the asymmetrical development of the mind of man. Perhaps the leading country of the world in the sciences and the arts is Germany.

Certainly the leading country in the world in developing an aggressive and militarist policy is Germany. It is at once the most enlightened and the most reactionary of the greater nations of the earth.

The destructive half of mankind have beaten their brethren in the race. The war lords triumph over the apostles of peace. For the moment the service of the devil takes precedence over the service of God.

But only for the moment. Clever and energetic as they have been, the destroyers have not been clever and energetic enough. The foundations of peace are too firmly laid. The fear that civilization is now rocking to its fall is a fear without justification.

The war will progress from horror to horror and with it the disgust and anger of the people will deepen. The foolishness of war! More and more will this thought permeate the consciousness of the whole world.

Already this view is clearly expressed by countless men throughout Europe. As they suffer more they will see more clearly, and when this war ends there will be no more wars.

We are not witnessing the triumph of the destroyers. We are witnessing their vast collective suicide. As ruthless as they have been in war, so shall we be ruthless for peace.

At present we play their game; we fight, because fight we must. But after that there shall be no more war lords. The paradox will be resolved. Science shall no longer serve the forces of destruction, but, released from this dire bondage, shall bend all its energies to the task of making this fair world more beautiful and more secure.

The savage, trained and equipped, shall no longer preside at our councils. His day is over. His last and greatest attempt at dominance shall result in his utter overthrow and destruction, whatever be his nationality; and the race of the future will be a race of civilized men, united by the bonds of mutual interest and appreciation and developing their powers in concord in the security accorded by an agreed and permanent world-peace.

OMAHA, Aug. 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have been reading with interest the opinions of different persons in your columns regarding the great war now being waged by civilized (7) man.

One man feels that he has found the cause of all war (that is a great step). It is in the church and the teaching of its ministers; another thinks it is the crowned heads of Europe; another feels that it is the great gunmakers of the world who are responsible for the awful crime, etc.

A moment's reflection will teach us that none of these are the cause of war, nor are the money interests, as often charged with wanting war, the cause.

The teachings that go out from the church do not make men go to war, but they go to war notwithstanding the teachings of the church.

We have to take only a few pages from history to show us that men do wage war because they are "crowned heads."

Men have fought under all conditions; they still fight and always will fight until reason prevails and they not only know but understand to do the better way.

The fight in us is part of our creation, just as with the lower animals. It is an instinct for self-preservation.

Let the pulpits and the press tell us what in an awful murder has been committed, tell us the cost in human lives and rivers of tears, tell us what the money so spent would do in educating those nations' children.

Let them all unite to show us what war really is and its results and what these valiant dead might have accomplished under a united banner of peace.

A. J. HUNT.

OMAHA, Aug. 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: When any question of public policy secures the attention of the intelligent public the opinions of ministers are always interesting.

A referendum of the ministers of four denominations concerning their opinions on woman suffrage resulted as follows: Episcopal clergymen were in favor 2 to 1, Baptist ministers 7 to 1, Congregationalists 3 to 1, Methodists 19 to 1, and Presbyterians 11 to 1.

The English-American press has been soot and the German-American press has given women an equal vote with men in church government. The first diocese in the world to take this step was in California. On request 300 ministers preached on woman suffrage in Cleveland, O. Rabbi Stephen Wise, speaking on the question of "Votes for Women," said: "It is the office of the pulpit to battle against injustice."

There is no reason why any church should oppose and every reason why all churches should work for woman's political freedom. The churches should be the rallying point for workers for humanity's uplift.

VIOLA KAUFMAN.

LYNCH, Neb., Aug. 30.—To the Editor of The Bee: President Wilson has declared the United States neutral, but a large portion of the English-American press has been soot and the German-American press has given women an equal vote with men in church government.

This is not for the best welfare of the United States. As a mighty agency that helps mold public opinion more than any one thing, it is necessary in the interest of the peaceful abidance in our midst of all the nations making up the republic that the press help guard the peace of the nation, especially now that the torch of war has been carried to the Orient.

Let us keep up the spirit of neutrality, remembering that the United States may be drawn into this world conflict.

So let us all unite—the press and the public—and help safeguard the peace of this nation, if possible, for it will be the best service American citizens can render to our nation. M. M. ROHDE.

Industrial Notes

The United States makes the steel pens for about fifty countries.

There are twenty-eight railway tunnels in England a mile or more long. Cotton goods constitute about one-third of England's manufactured exports.

Germany exported metal filament electric lamps of a value of \$3,300,000 in the first four months of this year.

Of the seventeen serious accidents to submarines in the last ten years eleven have occurred to British vessels.

Bombay, which lights its streets with gas and oil lamps, soon will begin a six months' test of electric lighting.

A recent government estimate of the population of Sweden placed the figure at 5,528,283, an increase in two years of 11,391.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the first manufacture of pig iron with anthracite coal recently was celebrated in Pennsylvania.

Irrigation projects now under way or contemplated by the union of South Africa call for an expenditure of more than \$5,000,000.

There are coal fields in Great Britain that have been worked for at least 700 years, yielding every kind of coal except anthracite.

The government of the Sudan has equipped a shallow draft boat as a floating laboratory for the study of tropical diseases where they occur.

In France the aeroplanes has been made a gambling instrument, a miniature affair taking the place of the ball and wheel in a form of roulette in which names of cities are substituted for numbers.

In Italy electricity used for lighting is taxed and that used for heating is not and to prevent persons using heating circuits for lights there has been invented apparatus to periodically interrupt the current.

The newest battleship building for the United States will be 1,490 tons larger than Japan's largest, 3,490 tons larger than Germany's, 3,360 tons larger than Great Britain's, and 6,550 tons larger than anything France plans.

MIRTH FOR MONDAY.

Church—If Mars is inhabited they possibly have railroads. Gotham—Yes, and from this point of view I should say they were elevated roads.—Yonkers Statesman.

"Why don't you get an auto?" "I prefer a horse." "A horse may die at any time." "Yes, and he may live ten years. And that's a long time to go without changing the model.—Kansas City Journal.

"So you are taking summer boarders this year?" "Yes, we didn't have to, but my wife loves to hear 'em talk that city dialect."—Judge.

"What do you do for a living?" asked A of B, being the sort of inquisitive person that everybody wants to kick. "I breathe," answered B to A. B being the sarcastic sort of person that everybody else wants to kick.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Particular—I would like to hire a carriage with only one seat. Liveryman—Oh, you'll find that at the undertaker's.—Felic Melle.

"There isn't an original thing about Particular." "What is he surrounded by?" "Manicurists. He's the editor of a modern magazine."—Life.

Hotel Waiter—Come, sir, you really must go off to bed, sir (Yawns). Why, the dawn's a-breaking, sir. Late Reveler—Let it break—and put it down in the bill, waiter.—Punch.

Dr. A.—Why do you always make such particular inquiries as to what your patients eat? Does that assist you in your diagnosis? Dr. B.—Not that, but it enables me to ascertain their social position and arrange my fees accordingly.—Topeka Journal.

THE WAR GHOULS.

Cosars, kaiser, king and king. Patten man for a health thing; Cosars, kaiser, king and czar. Cannibals whose feast is war.

Man is meant for tyrant's throne. Dripping flesh and splintered bone, Sliced with tears and scold with pain, Sacrifice to despot clan.

Blood's the cup mad rulers crave. Fresh from martyr subject's grave; War's hoots tread the crimson pulp, Ghouls in palace smack and gulp.

Maggots feed on battle folk. Vermin spawned of ermine cloak; These the chief of maggots are, Cosars, kaiser, king and czar.

—WALTER IRVING CLARKE.

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